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SUBJECT: MAITLAND-BUFFUM CONSULTATIONS ON UNGA 7TH  
SPECIAL SESSION, MAY 7

REFTEL: STATE 96499

1. AFTER BRIEFING AT THE INTER-AGENCY MEETING ON THE  
RESULTS OF THE KINGSTON COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTERS  
CONFERENCE, APRIL 29-MAY 5, SIR DONALD MAITLAND MET WITH  
IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM FOR FURTHER CONSULTATION  
ON THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. MAITLAND DID NOT BELIEVE  
THERE WAS ANY POINT IN EXPECTING THE COMMONWEALTH  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO BREAK SOLIDARITY WITH THE NAG/  
G-77 COUNTRIES. THESE COUNTRIES BELIEVE THEY ARE IN  
A WEAK POSITION AND THAT THEIR ONLY STRENGTH IS THEIR  
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POLITICAL SOLIDARITY. IMPLICIT IN MAINTAINING THIS

SOLIDARITY IS THE POLITICAL NECESSITY FOR ALL TO FOLLOW THE LEAD OF THE MOST EXTREME COUNTRIES. THEREFORE, INITIATIVES MUST COME FROM THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, MAITLAND SAID. THE MODERATES, IN SPITE OF THEIR ADHERENCE TO THE RHETORIC OF THE NIEO, ARE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE ON WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO THEM.

2. THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE CONFIRMED FOR THE BRITISH THE WISDOM OF THE STRATEGY OUTLINED IN REFTEL. ITS MAIN POINTS REMAINED MAINTENANCE OF WEO SOLIDARITY; RESISTANCE TO UNREASONABLE DEMANDS; AND THE NEED TO COME FORWARD WITH SINCERE, REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS ON WHICH WE ARE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE. THE BRITISH NOW BELIEVED THAT THE DRAFT DECLARATION FOR THE OECD COUNTRIES LEFT WITH BUFFUM WAS NOT ADEQUATE AFTER THEIR KINGSTON EXPERIENCE AND THEY WERE WORKING ON A NEW DRAFT TAKING A MORE RESPONSIVE APPROACH.

3. BUFFUM HANDED MAITLAND A DRAFT CIRCULAR TELEGRAM WHICH THE U.S. EXPECTS TO SEND TO SELECTED WEO POSTS ON CONSULTATIONS ON PROBLEMS DEALING WITH CERDS AND NIEO RESOLUTIONS IN OTHER CONTEXTS. HE INVITED BRITISH COMMENTS LATER. BUFFUM EMPHASIZED AGAIN U.S. CONCERN THAT WEO POSITIONS ON BOTH MIGHT BE NIBBLED AWAY BY CONTINUING LDC ATTEMPTS TO ENSHRINE THESE DOCUMENTS WITH VALIDITY APPROACHING INTERNATIONAL LAW.

4. THE PROVISIONAL G-77 AGENDA TABLED IN NEW YORK, MAITLAND BELIEVED, SHOWED AN ENCOURAGING TENDENCY TO GET AWAY FROM TENDENCIOUS AND PREJUDICIAL LANGUAGE. IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS DOCUMENT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A PRELIMINARY PAPER WHICH WAS ONLY A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AND THAT ALL ISSUES WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL THE PREPCOM MEETS IN JUNE. WHILE EXPLORATORY TALK WOULD BE CONTINUED WITH THE G-77 IN NEW YORK IT WOULD BE ON A COMPLETELY UNCOMMITTED BASIS UNTIL AT LEAST THE END OF MAY WHEN IT WAS HOPED THE OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING COULD REACH A CONCLUSION ON HOW TO CONCERT WEO EFFORTS INCLUDING, IF POSSIBLE, AN AGREED PROPOSED AGENDA. IT WAS AGREED THE MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION WOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREEMENT AMONG THE WEOS ON TOPICS THEY FEEL MAY BE INCLUDED IN TIER TWO.

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